

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-6 (cancelled).

7. (original) A method of providing entertainment to attendees at an event, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of cameras at a plurality of locations at the event for producing a plurality of video signals;

transmitting wireless communication signals corresponding to the plurality of video signals via a transmitter at the event; and

providing a plurality of portable display units each containing a receiving device and a video display device, the portable display units adapted for receiving the wireless communication signals directly from the transmitter and for displaying images responsive to selected ones of the video signals for personal viewing by attendees at the event.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

providing a pair of cameras at each of the plurality of locations at the event for producing a plurality of stereo-optic video signals;

transmitting wireless communications signals corresponding to the plurality of stereo-optic video signals via the wireless communications system; and

providing the personal display units with stereo-optic video display devices for displaying three dimensional images for personal viewing by the attendees.

9. (original) The method of claim 7, further comprising offering the personal display units for rent to the attendees for use during the event.

10. (original) The method of claim 7, further comprising transmitting wireless communications signals corresponding to predetermined content via the wireless communications system for selected viewing by the attendees.

11. (original) The method of claim 7, further comprising transmitting wireless communications signals corresponding to advertising content via the wireless communications system for viewing by the attendees.

12. (original) An apparatus for providing video information comprising:
at least one camera adapted for capturing at least one scene at an event and for producing at least one respective video signal responsive to the at least one scene;
a transmitter for transmitting at least one wireless communication signal corresponding to the at least one video signal;
a plurality of portable display units each containing a receiving device and a video display device for receiving the at least one wireless communication signal directly from the transmitter and for displaying images responsive to the at least one wireless communication signal for personal viewing of the at least one scene by attendees at the event.

13. (original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein each personal display unit comprises a headset for supporting the receiving device and the video display device.

14. (original) A video device comprising:
a headset;
a video display device attached to the headset and operable to display a video image responsive to an input signal;
an input device attached to the headset and operable to provide a plurality of signals corresponding to a plurality of scenes; and
a selector attached to the headset for selectively providing ones of the plurality of signals to the video display device as the input signal for display of a corresponding video image to a user of the headset.

15. (original) The device of claim 14, wherein the input device comprises a wireless receiver adapted to receive a wireless signal responsive to a plurality of video signals.

16. (original) The device of claim 15, wherein the input device further comprises a camera adapted for attachment to the headset.

17. (original) A video communications apparatus comprising:
a camera adapted for hands-free portability by a user, the camera operable to produce a video signal;
a display unit adapted for hands-free portability by the user and connected to the camera for displaying an image corresponding to the video signal for viewing by the user; and
a transmitting device adapted for hands-free portability by the user and connected to the camera for transmitting a wireless communication signal responsive to the video signal.

18. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the camera is an infrared camera and the video signal and image are responsive to infrared radiation.

19. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a base unit, the base unit further comprising a receiver for receiving the wireless communication signal and a display device for displaying an image responsive to the wireless communication signal.

20. (original) A wireless video apparatus comprising:
a plurality of portable personal video units, each unit comprising a camera for producing a video signal and a display unit for displaying an image responsive to the video signal and a transmitter for transmitting a wireless communication signal responsive to the video signal;
a receiver associated with each portable personal video unit adapted for receiving the wireless communication signals transmitted from other respective portable personal video units;
and
a selector associated with each portable personal video unit and connected to the respective receiver and display unit for selecting an image for display on the display unit corresponding to a selected one of the video signals produced by others of the portable personal video units.

21. (original) The apparatus of claim 20, further comprising a base unit comprising:
a receiver for receiving the wireless communication signals transmitted by each of the plurality of portable personal video units; and
a display device for displaying images responsive to selected ones of the wireless communication signals.

22. (original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the camera is an infrared camera and the video signal and image are responsive to infrared radiation.

Claim 23 (cancelled).

24. (original) A wireless video apparatus comprising:
a pair of video cameras adapted to be positioned adjacent each other to capture a stereo-optic view of an scene;

a transmitting device connected to each video camera for transmitting a wireless video signal responsive to the view from the perspective of the respective video camera;

a portable receiver for receiving the wireless video signals;

a pair of portable video display devices for cooperatively displaying to an observer a stereo-optic image responsive to the wireless video signals and observable as a three dimensional view of the scene from the perspective of the pair of video cameras.

25. (original) The wireless video apparatus of claim 24, further comprising:
a plurality of pairs of cameras adapted to be positioned to receive respective stereo-optic views of a plurality of scenes;

a transmitting device connected to each video camera for transmitting a respective wireless video signal responsive to the view from the perspective of the video camera;

a selector associated with the portable receiver for selectively displaying to the observer a stereo-optic image from the perspective of a selected pair of cameras.

26. (original) The personal wireless video apparatus of claim 24, further comprising:
a positioning device attached to the pair of cameras for moving the pair of cameras relative to the scene in response to a position signal;

a wireless receiver connected to the positioning device and adapted to provide the position signal in response to a wireless view signal;

a portable wireless transmitter for transmitting the wireless view signal in response to a position input signal;

a portable controller connected to the portable wireless transmitter for producing the position input signal in response to a physical input provided by the observer.

27. (original) A method of providing video information, the method comprising:
providing a plurality of cameras at a plurality of locations for producing a plurality of video signals;

transmitting wireless communication signals corresponding to the plurality of video signals via a wireless communications system; and

providing a portable display unit containing a receiving device and a video display device, the portable display unit adapted for directly and locally receiving the wireless communication signals and for displaying images responsive to selected ones of the video signals for personal viewing by a user of the portable display unit.

28. (original) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
providing a pair of cameras at each of the plurality of locations for producing a plurality of stereo-optic video signals;

transmitting wireless communications signals corresponding to the plurality of stereo-optic video signals via the wireless communications system; and

providing the personal display unit with stereo-optic video display devices for displaying three dimensional images for personal viewing by the user.

29. (original) A wireless video apparatus comprising:
a video camera adapted to be positioned to capture a view of a scene;
a transmitting device connected to the video camera for transmitting a wireless video signal responsive to the view from the perspective of the video camera;
a portable receiver for receiving the wireless video signal directly from the transmitting device; and
a portable video display device for displaying to an observer an image responsive to the wireless video signal and corresponding to a view of the scene from the perspective of the camera.

30. (original) The wireless video apparatus of claim 29, further comprising:
a plurality of cameras adapted to be positioned to receive respective views of a plurality of scenes;

a transmitting device connected to each video camera for transmitting a respective wireless video signal responsive to the view from the perspective of the video camera;

a selector associated with the portable receiver for selectively displaying to the observer an image from the perspective of a selected camera.

31. (original) The personal wireless video apparatus of claim 29, further comprising:
a positioning device attached to the camera for moving the camera relative to the scene in response to a position signal;

a wireless receiver connected to the positioning device and adapted to provide the position signal in response to a wireless view signal;

a portable wireless transmitter for transmitting the wireless view signal in response to a position input signal;

a portable controller connected to the portable wireless transmitter for producing the position input signal in response to a physical input provided by the observer.

32. (original) The wireless video apparatus of claim 29, further comprising:
the video camera comprising a pair of spaced apart video cameras disposed to capture respective views of the same scene;
the portable video display device comprising a pair of spaced apart video display devices adapted for displaying to the observer a three dimensional view of the scene from the perspective of the pair of spaced apart video cameras.

Remarks:

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application and are subject to a requirement for restriction as follows: Group I (claims 1-6 and 23) drawn to a remote control toy vehicle race game; Group II (claims 7-13 and 23-32) drawn to a method and apparatus for providing video information; and Group III (claims 14-22) drawn to a video headset.

The applicants note that the above listing of claims in Groups I and II was taken from the Office Communication, page 2, paragraph 1. The Office Communication shows claim 23 as being in both Groups I and II. The applicants believe that this is a typographical error and that the Examiner intended claim 23 to fall into Group I.

The applicants provisionally elect Group II, claims 7-13 and 24-32 with traverse, as discussed below.

Claims 1-6 and 23 are cancelled herein, thereby eliminating Group I from consideration.

The applicants traverse the separation of the remaining claims 7-22 and 24-32 into two separate Groups. The Examiner characterizes Group III, claims 14-22, as being drawn to a video headset. However, a closer examination of the claims reveals that a headset is only one of several elements in claims 14-16, and that no headset is even included in claims 17-22.

The combination of elements of independent 14 includes a headset, a video display device, an input device and a selector. Together, these elements can properly be characterized as describing and claiming an apparatus for providing video information, i.e. the same subject matter as the Group II claims. The mere fact that a headset is one element of a combination claim is not a valid basis for interpreting the entire claim as being directed to the single element, i.e. to the headset. To do so would be to ignore limitations of the claims. The video device of claim 14 is an apparatus for providing video information. Therefore, claims 14-16 should be included with the Group II claims.

Independent claim 17 is directed to a combination including a camera, a display unit, and a transmitting device. While these elements are claimed as being adapted for hands-free portability, such portability does not necessarily mean that they are associated with a headset. To the contrary, the present specification at page 8, line 20 through page 9, line 5 describes other ways that equipment may be made portable, i.e. being carried in a pocket or being hand-held. The video communication apparatus of claim 17 is an apparatus for providing video information,

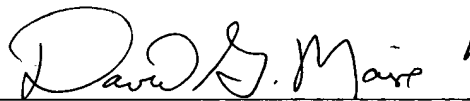
i.e. the same subject matter as the Group II claims. Therefore, claims 17-19 should be included with the Group II claims.

Independent claim 20 is directed to a combination including a plurality of portable personal video units, a receiver associated with each portable personal video unit, and a selector associated with each portable personal video unit. Here, again, there is no mention of a video headset in the limitations of this claim. The wireless video apparatus of claim 20 is directed to an apparatus for providing video information, i.e. the same subject matter as the Group II claims. Therefore, claims 20-22 should be included with the Group II claims.

The applicants note that Class 359, subclass 630 that has been associated with the Group III claims includes subject matter that "forms a composite image by combining visual display information with the light incident on an observer's field of view." (see December 2000 Edition of Classification Definitions, available on the USPTO web page) The present invention does not form such a composite image and is not such a "heads-up" display arrangement. Furthermore, Class 348, subclass 39 that has been associated with the Group III claims includes "subject matter having provision for a user to select a portion of the whole scene to be displayed." (December 2000 Edition of Classification Definitions) The applicants suggest that it may be better to search all of the present claims 7-22 and 24-32 as a single invention under Class 725 "Interactive Video Distribution Systems", subclass 74 "Local Video Distribution System."

Accordingly, reconsideration of the requirement for restriction and the examination of claims 7-22 and 24-32 is respectfully requested.

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